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COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone)

REPORT

TOPIC Finow Airfield

EVALUATION

PLACE OBTAINED

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DATE PREPARED 4 April 1951

REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. From 9 to 10 a.m. on 6 March 1951, 32 MIG-15s, seven two-seater single-engine low-wing monoplanes painted a light blue, five PO-2s, and a twin-engine transport plane with nine cabin windows and painted olive drab were seen at the Finow (N 53/V 08) airfield. Twelve of the jet fighters were not camouflaged. Six of the MIG-15s parked in the north-eastern corner of the field.

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The left wings of these six planes had a steel helmet-like bulge close to the fuselage and covered with camouflage cloth. A socket 5 cm high for the fastening of the pennant rod was on the nose. Only the aircraft marked with the red number 24 flew red pennants. All the six planes were fitted with an antenna rod mounted on the rear right hand side of the cabin; an antenna was not visible.

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The soldiers working on the parked aircraft have been observed removing the camouflage cover, cleaning the air exhausts and fitting a box-like device under the right wing. (4)

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2. A single-engine low-wing monoplane with a crew of two practiced flying, with 10/10 cloud cover at about 700 meters and moderate visibility. No aircraft shipping crates were seen at the field. About 35 soldiers and 16 motor vehicles were seen there. Trucks were observed on the road to the field.

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4. From 1 to 2 p.m. on 4 March 1951, two and four MIG-15s were seen at the eastern edge and in the northeastern corner of the Finow airfield, respectively.

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No antennas were observed; no weapons were seen not even in the nose. (7) All the planes had their oblong cockpits covered with yellow canvas.

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5. Three MIG-15s marked by red numbers painted on their noses were parked in front of the eastern hangar. [redacted]

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[redacted] Three YO-2s were standing beside the MIG-15s; their fuselage was painted a light grey, while the upper sides of their wings were painted light blue. From 12 to 14 aircraft of undetermined type were **standing** farther to the west. They did not seem to be twin-engine aircraft, but appeared to have swept-back wings. The fuselage of the planes was painted dark grey or olive. (2) While being parked their tail was lower than their nose. Thus it could be determined that their wings were painted a light blue. About eight planes which, as could be seen from their tail assemblies, were swept-wing fighters, were **parked** west of the buildings.

6. Flying was not observed. The weather was good. Except for two guards, no soldiers were seen. Two fuel trucks and one radio truck were in the northeastern corner of the installation. The status of the radio installations had not changed. The covered sets [redacted] at the eastern edge of the field were no longer seen. The radio installation near Spechthausen was [redacted] there. (5)

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7. Two single-engine low-wing monoplanes, eight biplanes and 45 swept-wing jet fighters [redacted]

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[redacted]

- (4) The purpose of the device cannot be determined. It could be a starting device.
 (5) This radio installation is believed to be the outer landing beacon.
 (6) The two radar sets, which are of type Dumbo, are believed to belong to the fighter division headquarters stationed in Finow.
 (7) MIG-15s planes without weapons in the nose have never been seen in Finow. They may be training versions.

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- (9) The description is too vague for an identification of type. So far, only MIG-15s and jet aircraft of type 16 have been observed in Finow.

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